



PATENT

Client-Matter No.: 66872-017
(P-AR 4803)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of) Confirmation No: 7269
Steward et al.)
) Group Art Unit: 1645
Serial No.: 09/942,024)
) Examiner: K. Shahnan Shah
Filed: August 28, 2001)
)
For: FRET PROTEASE ASSAYS)
FOR BOTULINUM SEROTYPE A/E)
TOXINS)

Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Responsive to the Office Action mailed
September 23, 2003, entry of the following amendments and
consideration of the following remarks are respectfully
requested.

Amendments to the specification begin on page 2.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 4.

Remarks being on page 8.

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER		CLIENT-MATTER NO.: 66872-017 (P-AR 4803)	
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INVENTION: FRET PROTEASE ASSAYS FOR BOTULINUM SEROTYPE A/E TOXINS			

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Transmitted herewith is a response, with attached Exhibit A, B, and C, to the outstanding Office Action mailed September 23, 2003, in the above-identified application.

___ Small Entity status of this application has been established under 37 CFR 1.27.

___ Request for an extension of time (in duplicate).

X No additional claims fee is required.

___ An additional claims fee is required and has been calculated as shown below:

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						SMALL ENTITY	OTHER ENTITY		SMALL ENTITY	OTHER ENTITY	
TOTAL CLAIMS	19	-	72	-	0	x \$9	\$18	=	\$	\$	
INDEPEN- DENT CLAIMS	1	-	3	-	0	x \$42	\$84	=	\$	\$	
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM			_____ YES		_____ X NO		\$140	\$280	=	\$	\$
						TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE			\$0	\$	

* If the "HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR" is less than 20, write "20" in this space.

** If the "HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR" is less than 3, write "3" in this space.

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____ Please charge my Deposit Account No. 502624 the amount of \$0.00 which covers the fee for an extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

X The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 502624. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

X The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 502624 any fees under 37 CFR 1.17 which may be required under 37 CFR 1.136(a)(3) for an extension of time in any concurrent or future reply requiring a petition for extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

December 19, 2003

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